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Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 16 line 22 with the following paragraph:

The third embodiment of the elongate body 8", illustrated in FIGS 12 and 13, comprises three stent sections 23-25 positioned at one end of the elongate body 8", at the middle thereof and at the other end of the elongate body 8", respectively. These stent sections 23-25 may be positioned in the coronary sinus 5 as illustrated by conventional means, such that their positions are fixed. They are connected by wires 26, 27, which may be manoeuvred from outside the vein system such that the distances between the adjacent stent sections 23, 24 and 24, 25 are reduced. More specifically, these distances are reduced asymmetrically, i.e. more on the side of coronary sinus 5 most adjacent to the posterior part of the mitral valve annulus 6. Thereby, the elongate body 8" is bent, as illustrated in FIG. 13, and presses the coronary sinus 5 against the mitral valve annulus 6 closing the gap 20. Also, as shown in FIG. 13, the wires 26, 27 are secured to the stents and the ends of the wires have been severed and removed.